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SEN. MORRISH ANNOUNCES EFFORT TO TAKE FLOOD INSURANCE ISSUES TO NATIONAL STAGE

LA LAWMAKERS TO ASK NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF INSURANCE LEGISLATORS TO SUPPORT DELAY OF BIGGERT-WATERS ACT

The National Conference of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL), an organization of state legislators from across the country with an interest in insurance matters, will gather in Nashville Tennessee this month for their annual meeting. State Senators Dan "Blade" Morrish and Ronnie Johns along with State Representative Gregory Cromer and others will be there with a mission - to make sure their state legislative colleagues know that recent changes in the National Flood Insurance Program are not just a coastal problem or a Louisiana problem, but a national problem.

The Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act is an effort to make the federal flood insurance program more solvent after millions in claims payouts, mostly as the result of Hurricane Katrina and Super Storm Sandy. However in the process, the millions of homeowners and businesses who depend on the federal program are now facing unaffordable, devastating increases in their insurance premiums.

"We want our fellow state legislators to clearly understand what is at stake here," Sen. Morrish, who chairs the Senate Committee on Insurance, said. "We want them to realize how their communities will be impacted. We need a national coalition to call on their members of Congress and the Senate to stop this madness. This annual meeting is an opportunity to build that coalition. "

Sen. Morrish will ask NCOIL to approve a resolution in support of the Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act which will delay implementation of the flood insurance program changes until two years after the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) completes an affordability study on the impact of the rate increases. The legislation, supported by a bi-partisan group of House and Senate members, is awaiting action in Washington, D.C.

The National Conference of Insurance Legislators annual meeting is scheduled for November 21-24, 2013.

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